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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038. Irradiation in the production, Processing, and Handling of Food.

To whom it may concern:

As a retired Medical Radiologic Technologist who received many hours of instruction on the effects of ionizing radiation, I find it incomprehensible that irradiated foods could be sold without being labeled as such.

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest that such food be continued to be labeled as such. Terms "Treated with Radiation" or "Treated by Irridiation" SHOULD BE RETAINED! The requirement for disclosure of irradiation should not be allowed to expire.

Sincerely, Sauran J. Mapport Lauren L. Nippert, R.T.

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